

Felix Diaz Would Make New Mexico of the Mexico of His Uncle Porfirio

Says He Will Not Attempt to Copy the Methods of His Venerable Uncle, but Will Give Mexico a Real Democracy, Orzco a Patriot, He Says; Madero a Dreamer Without Ability.

MEXICO, emerging from the throes of revolution, will elect a new chief executive within the next few months. Upon him will depend the resurrection and integrity of the republic. At its conclusion, if not the salvation of the republic, Felix Diaz, who so far as is concerned, if his life is spared until the elections, he will be chosen to succeed the late president Madero.

Born 45 years ago in the state of Oaxaca, in the south of Mexico, the prospective president entered the Military academy of Chapultepec in 1882 and was commissioned a lieutenant of engineers in 1885. His first military service was on the geographical commission which prepared the great military map of Mexico. At its conclusion, he was in supreme charge of the work, which is conceded to be a masterpiece of its kind. During the Spanish-American war, Lieut. Diaz was made a colonel on the general staff of the Mexican army, and later was twice elected to congress from Veracruz.

Mexico City Police Chief.

By 1902 he had already become politically formidable and was regarded as the most likely successor to his uncle, president Porfirio Diaz, who in 1902 made him inspector general of police in the city of Mexico. As such he earned a sinister reputation for severity, often tinged by cruelty. It is said that more prisoners were put to death under his administration than under any other police regime in Mexico, but this is emphatically denied by him. On the contrary, Gen. Diaz points

to the fact that no chief of police, under the Mexican law, is authorized to condemn or execute prisoners in his charge.

Toward the close of the disheveled Madero regime, Felix Diaz automatically became the leader of the malcontents in the regular army, and last October made himself temporarily master of Veracruz. His revolt was a fiasco and he was imprisoned. The rest is immediate history. An uprising followed in which the prison was stormed and the general was released in Mexico City.

By the terms of his compact with provisional president Huerta, Gen. Diaz has announced himself a candidate for the next presidency of the republic. Since making the announcement, he has taken no unnecessary chances, but has strongly entrenched himself at the hacienda del Cristo at Atzacotalco, some 20 miles from Mexico City. From this fortified retreat, Gen. Diaz issued a declaration of his political principles for publication in the Semi-Monthly Magazine, to which credit is hereby given.

Diaz's Statement.

"I am a soldier and I know that large armies can not be improved off hand, except, perhaps, at moments of high patriotic fervor. Powerful standing armies cost money—a great deal of money," says the statement.

"Mexico, at the present time, is in no financial condition for vast expenditures for any such purpose. The late Madero government has left us without any funds in the treasury. We found

only debts. Our country needs money badly; but she needs money for constructive purposes—for economic development and for internal improvements. With this as our frankly declared financial policy, and in view of the admitted wealth of our permanent national resources, I believe that foreign capital can be obtained; but I feel free to say that I doubt very much whether foreign capital could be readily obtained for purely military purposes.

"Still, it must be clear to all that our country can not be properly developed without guarantees of complete pacification, and such pacification must necessarily require military methods and occasionally heavy expenditures. But in the solution of this problem I know that we shall have the hearty cooperation of all our political parties and of the people at large. In regard to Sonora and the menace of its secession—which I do not believe for a moment can be successfully accomplished, or is even desired by a majority of its citizens—I feel like every right thinking Mexican, that any loss of our territory, in this or in any other direction, is simply inadmissible.

Will Invite Foreign Capital.

"Should I become president, it will be my aim to encourage in every possible way the influx of foreign capital and foreign immigration. Mexico is rich in minerals, in agricultural products and in timber, to name only three of our leading industries. We cheerfully invite the foreign investor to aid us in developing these resources.

"It is planned to create a new ministry of agriculture and labor, in addition to the existing ministries of mines, hacienda, fomento, communications and the interior. To this ministry of agriculture and labor will fall the task of making a special study of a more equitable distribution of taxes and a more general distribution of the surplus of land. While I expect this problem to be worked out only after the most serious and important phase of government, I wish to state in advance that I am in favor of taxing

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No Backward Step.

"Let no one think that if I am elected I shall try to bring back all the old methods, much less the old leaders, that belonged to the great era of my uncle's administration of the government of Mexico. These men and measures have performed their task and now belong to the past. The era of Porfirio Diaz is closed. The party which I lead has no program of restoration. We plan a new government with new men and new measures. The governmental methods of Gen. Porfirio Diaz were strictly his own. They were justified by a series of events and circumstances so definitely associated with him as an individual that any one who might seek to copy them would be doomed to complete failure.

"No, I must work out my own salvation, and turn to my fellow countrymen for approval and support. The Mexican people are now ready for real democracy. In spite of the selfish efforts of some persons to persuade them to embrace anarchy instead.

A Free Country.

"Should my uncle, Don Porfirio, elect to return to Mexico, he will be received with open arms and with the veneration due to his great age and his great name, but in that event, he will certainly take no active part in the government, except possibly as a wise counselor in matters of grave importance to our country.

"In the same way, Mexico stands open to all the members of my uncle's family and to his social and political friends, so many of whom left the country during the Madero regime. Furthermore, the amnesty bill that has been recently passed, extends to members of the Madero family and to all citizens without exception, which has no rancors against any one. The estates of the Madero family will not be confiscated, as falsely reported, provided the law is obeyed. We are anxious that all the adherents of the fallen government should return and take up their duties as good citizens.

Madero's Shortcomings.

"The late Francisco I. Madero, as president of the republic, was lacking absolutely in tact, under the existing circumstances. This was due to his want of practical sense in respect to men and measures. He had dreams—dreams that were born of speculative study in the library; but he did not take into account that events happen as they will, and not as one would have them happen.

"Fascual Orozco, as I take him, is an upright spirit, with the natural simplicity of the peasant. He has been fighting for ideals, the real significance of which has not, perhaps, been understood in all its sociological breadth. He is not a presidential possibility, because he possesses in the highest degree the virtue of modesty. From this he could not free himself, even if he had a sufficient number of followers to bring him prominently before the public.

Zapata and Madero.

"Zapata, of Morelos, offers a curious special case, which should be judged with care. He is an obscure peasant, without education; but he is hailed as a demi-god by his followers, who believe that he is fighting for the welfare of the Indians. They believed in him from the start, because he told them that the hour for their vindication had arrived. Nor can his tactics be blamed too harshly, when we remember that he was once applauded by president Madero, who visited him and greeted him with an embrace. Zapata is a reckless force unchained, and it is natural that he should decline to come to terms with the lawful authorities. His adherents would first demand that he fulfill the purpose for which he claims to have been called into action. I do not believe that the idea of becoming first master of the nation has ever entered his head."

MOTURING IS TO BE CLOUDCROFT FEATURE

Many Beautiful Trips Can Be Made From the Resort Summer Visitors Are Beginning to Arrive.

Cloudcroft, N. M., June 7.—Among the many attractions at Cloudcroft, automobiling promises to take first place this summer. There are any number of interesting trips through the many beautiful canyons near Cloudcroft, and the majority of the roads are reported to be in very good condition. The "Chambers" agent at El Paso is planning to drive up a few cars for the use of Cloudcrofters, and other agents have the idea under consideration. The road from El Paso to Cloudcroft is in good condition all of the way.

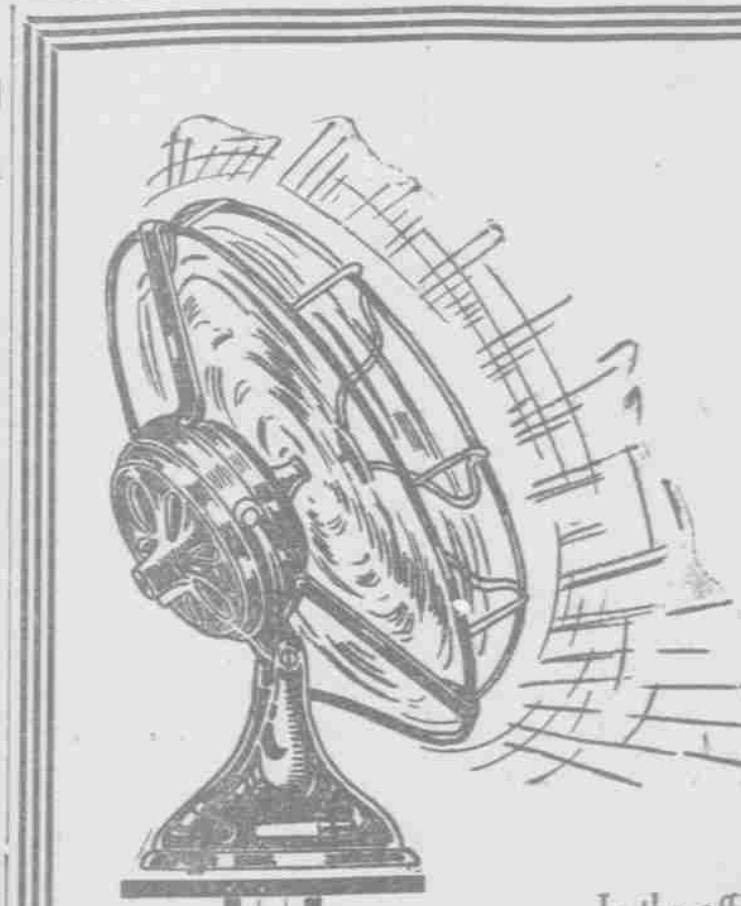
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNary motored

from El Paso to Cloudcroft Tuesday. With them were their three children and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Crockett. Mrs. George E. Crivel, of Buffalo, N. Y., the sister of Mr. Crockett, and John Golden Crockett. After dining at the Lodge, the McNarys drove to Mountain Park, where they spent the night, returning to El Paso the next day.

Mrs. C. L. Overstreet and children have the P. B. Simmons cottage, "Mountain Home," for the month of June.

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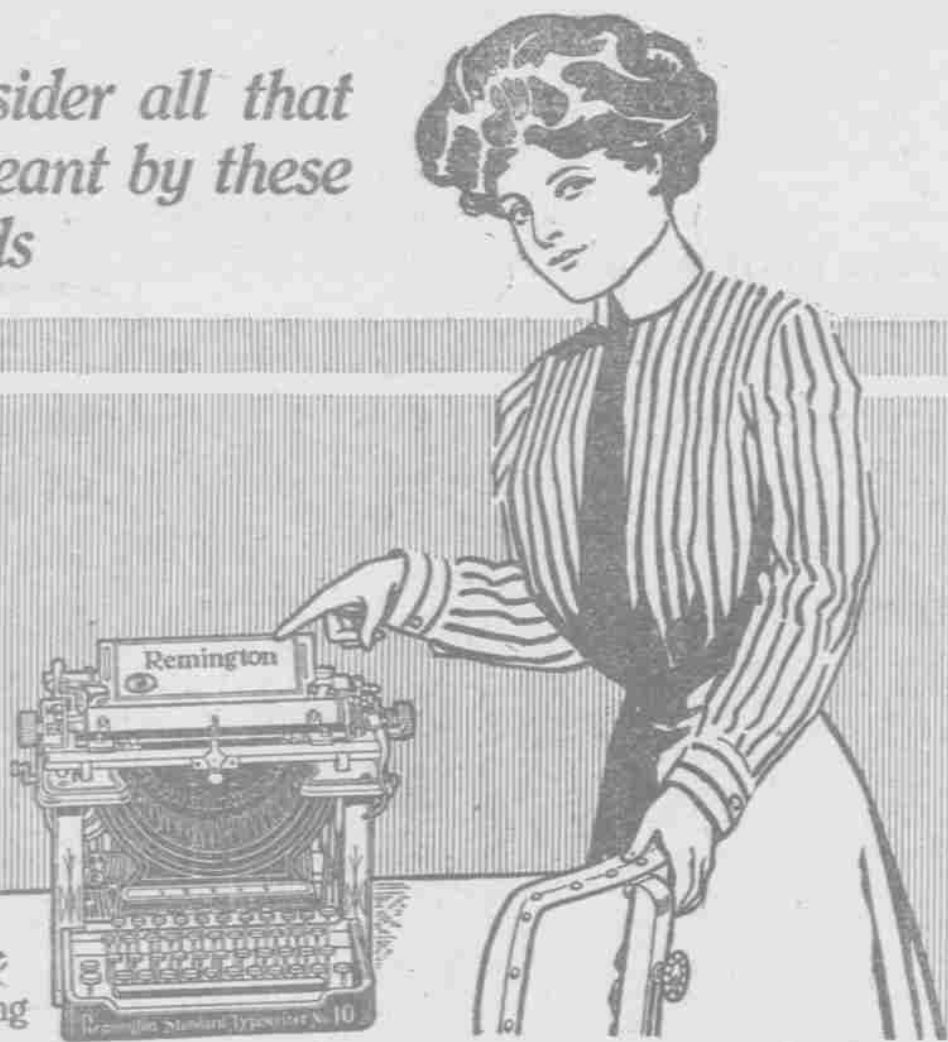
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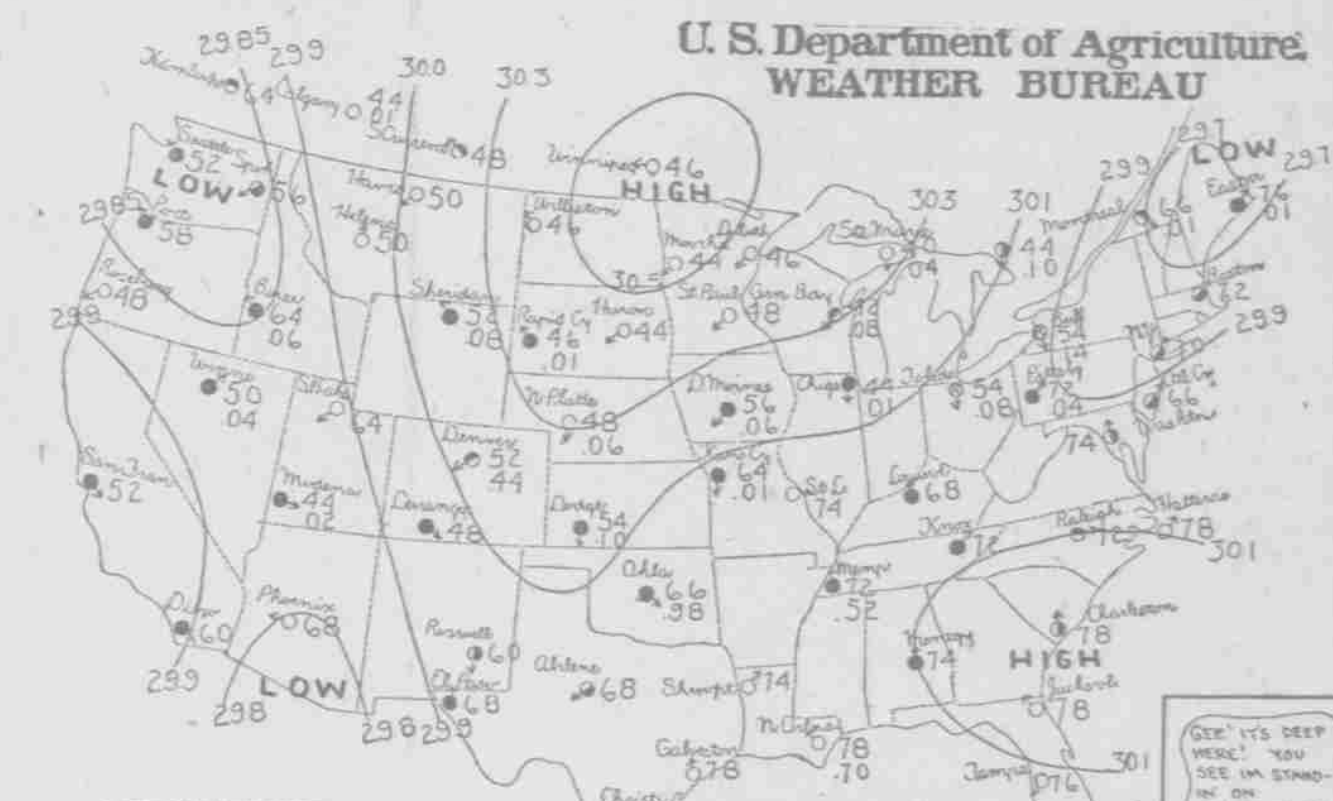
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Arrows show the wind. First figure temperature; second, precipitation of .01 inch or more; third, maximum wind velocity.

El Paso, Saturday, June 7, 1913.

El Paso and vicinity—Unsettled to night and Sunday.

New Mexico—Local thunderstorms tonight or Sunday, except fair south-west portion.

West Texas—Unsettled tonight and Sunday; showers in north portion tonight or Sunday.

Local Data.

El Paso Readings.

Today Yesterday.

Barometer (sea level) 28.57 29.15

Dry thermometer 88 80

Wet thermometer 58 57

Dew point 42 28

Relative humidity 42 59

Direction of wind S 32E

Velocity of wind 4 12

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Rainfall last 24 hours 0

Highest temp. last 24 hrs. 90

Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 65

Height of river this morning above fixed zero mark, 11.0 feet. Rise in last 24 hours, 0.6 foot.

RIVER READING.

Unless torrential rains help out, there will be a scarcity of water in the river this summer. The river report for Friday shows that the river has dropped to 1450 cubic feet. The snow reports from Colorado, received at the reclamation service, say that the snow was below normal until March, after which it was a little more than normal, but that it is almost gone now.

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